

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Advisory Action mailed on July 29, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 10-14, 18, 21 and 28 have been amended. New claims 40-42 have been added. As a result, claims 10-22 and 28-39 are currently pending.

\$102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10-22 and 28-39 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (US 5,945,988). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the amended claims contain elements not shown or taught in Williams et al.

Independent claims 10 and 14 have been amended to more clearly identify that there are parameters associated with input devices that are used by presentation devices to play signals from the input devices. Independent claim 28 was amended to correctly indicate that the entries are associated with the media device.

Williams et al. associates parameters for output devices with a particular channel or station as indicated by the following language: "User profile database 700 also includes information indicating Joe User's preferred audio component settings, including preferred radio stations and corresponding music types, as well as preferred listening volumes." Col. 6, lines 13-16. Williams et al. does not associate such parameters based on the type of input device as claimed in each of the independent claims.

The current claims clearly describe a difference between an input device, and an output, or presentation device. The parameters for the presentation device are associated with each input or media device, not a user, or a particular station or channel. FIGURE 7 of Williams et al. clearly shows that the parameters are associated with a user, and with a particular channel, internet, or station. The parameters are for a television, a computer or audio components. There is no teaching that the parameters are associated with an input device as claimed. As at least one element of all the claims is missing, a prima facie case of anticipation does not exist, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

As seen in FIGURE 7, a television is an output or presentation device and receives signals from different television channels. Different sources for the television are not shown, in this figure, but are discussed in other parts of the application. Yet there is no teaching that parameters are related to an input device. Similarly, a computer is shown to have games, sports, and financial information via the internet. These are not parameters per se, but merely websites. There are no input device dependent parameters for modifying the presentation. Still further, the audio components are a presentation device, but only are shown as receiving broadcast signals where parameters are associated with the signals, not from a device that provides the signals. There is nothing in FIGURE 7 that describes modifying parameters of output devices based on the media input device.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al. in view of Official Notice. This rejection is now believed moot in view of the above claim amendments and remarks with respect to Williams et al.

New claims 40-42 have been added and are not believed to introduce new matter. The new claims distinguish the references for at least the same reasons as the other independent claims. In addition, they more clearly distinguish between the media devices and the presentation devices.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney 612-373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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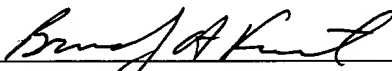
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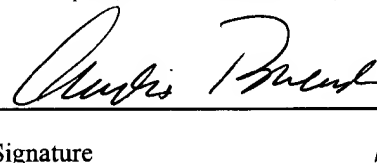
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